

Dallas Huts

Herrick Archives Number H 423/57

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Buildings were never officially named by Board of Trustees.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

These 35 temporary buildings were in three locations, as follows:

1.2.1 Behind Page (061) and Commerce (137) there were eleven of these Dallas Huts (H 423/33). They were called :

"Commerce Annex"

"Temporary Commerce"

"Commerce Huts"

These building were listed in the Time Schedule as rooms in the Commerce Building, with room numbers 1361 through 1382. By buildings, the room numbers were as follows:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Rooms</u>
H 423	1363/4
H 424	1361/2
H 425	1367/8
H 426	1365/6
H 427	1369/70
H 428	1371/2
H 429	1375/6
H 430	1373/4
H 431	1377/8
H 432	1379/80
H 433	1381/2

1.2.2 Between McPherson Chemistry Building (053) and Robinson Laboratory (075) there were eleven Dallas Huts (H 447/57) called the "Chemistry Annex."

These buildings were listed in the Time Schedule as rooms in the Chemistry Building (053) with room numbers 1101 through 1122. By buildings, the room numbers were as follows:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Rooms</u>
H 447	1101/2
H 448	1103/4
H 449	1105/6
H 450	1107/8
H 451	1109/10
H 452	1111/12

H 453	1113/14
H 454	1115/16
H 455	1117/18
H 456	1119/20
H 457	1121/22

1.2.3 North of Derby and east of Sherman Street there were thirteen Dallas Huts (H434/46) called the "Derby Annex."

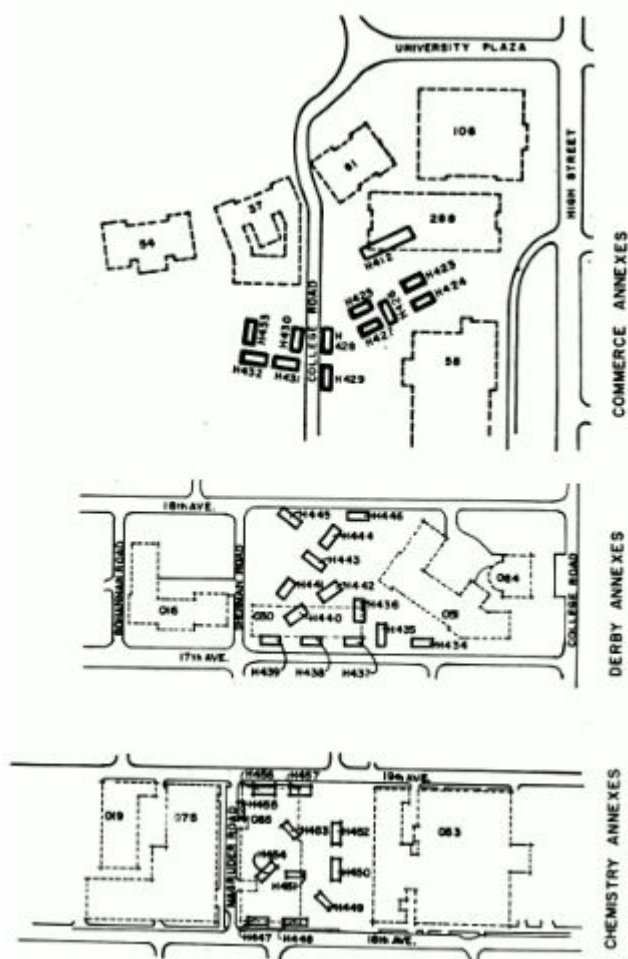
These buildings were listed in the Time Schedule as rooms in Derby Hall (025), with room numbers in the 1200 series beginning with 1231. By buildings, the room numbers were as follows:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Rooms</u>
H 434	1232/2
H 435	1233/4
H 436	1235/6
H 437	1237/8
H 438	1239/40
H 439	1241/2
H 440	1243/4
H 441	1245/6
H 442	1247/8
H 443	1249/50
H 444	1251/2
H 445	1253/4
H 446	1255/6(?)

Logically, Building H 446 should have included Rooms 1255/6, but no map has been found indicating these numbers. The 1947-8 Time Schedule lists a Speech 401 class in Room 1257 in the Spring Quarter. This probably is an error.

2. Location

2.1 The three groups were located as shown in the maps on the next page.



For Identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

2.2 These Buildings, except H 446, are shown on maps 194-43, 194-44, and 194-88.
All thirty-five of the buildings are shown on map 194-48.

2.3 For purposes of indexing, the following addresses have been arbitrarily assigned.

H 423 1760 College Road
H 424 1756 College Road
H 425 1758 College Road
H 426 1754 College Road
H 427 1752 College Road

H 428 1750 College Road
H 429 1742 College Road
H 430 1751 College Road
H 431 1743 College Road
H 432 1745 College Road

H 433 1753 College Road
H 434 122 West Seventeenth Avenue

H 435 132 West Seventeenth Avenue
H 436 136 West Seventeenth Avenue
H 437 142 West Seventeenth Avenue

H 438 154 West Seventeenth Avenue
H 439 170 West Seventeenth Avenue
H 440 160 West Seventeenth Avenue
H 441 166 West Seventeenth Avenue
H 442 148 West Seventeenth Avenue

H 443 155 West Eighteenth Avenue
H 444 149 West Eighteenth Avenue
H 445 167 West Eighteenth Avenue
H 446 137 West Eighteenth Avenue
H 447 178 West Eighteenth Avenue

H 448 170 West Eighteenth Avenue
H 449 168 West Eighteenth Avenue
H 450 166 West Eighteenth Avenue
H 451 172 West Eighteenth Avenue
H 452 167 West Nineteenth Avenue

H 453 175 West Nineteenth Avenue
H 454 174 West Eighteenth Avenue
H 455 183 West Nineteenth Avenue
H 456 179 West Nineteenth Avenue
H 457 171 West Nineteenth Avenue

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Frame

3.2 No. of stories:

One

3.3 Increments of construction:

No additions

3.4 Size of buildings:

20' x 48' x 8' (to ridge), according to records in the University Architect's office.

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

These were World War II surplus buildings brought to the campus from Evansville, Indiana. Records of their re-erection on campus have not been found.

The Board of Trustees on July 22, 1946 was informed that the Controlling Board had released \$150,000 for constructing these buildings on force account.

The Monthly (38:5) reported in October 1946 that twenty-five of the buildings were in use as classroom buildings and ten others were in use as temporary offices. Thus it would appear that all thirty-five buildings

were ready for use at or near the opening of the quarter.

An aerial survey on October 26, 1946 shows all thirty-five buildings in place.

C. DEMOLITION

1. Commerce Annexes

The Cabinet on June 22, 1950 awarded the contract for demolition of these eleven buildings to the Linden Wrecking Company.

2. Chemistry Annexes

The general contract for the construction of the first unit of the Smith Laboratory (Building 065), awarded on September 17, 1948, required that the contractor remove six of these buildings in the southwest corner of the area. The six were H 447, H 448, H 449, H 451, H 454, and H 453. Of these six, four (H 447, H 448, H 451, and H 454) were on the building site and had to be removed to start construction, which presumably came shortly after the award of contracts in September, 1948. The other two (H 449 and H 453) were left standing during construction, probably for use by the contractor, and were still standing in the spring of 1950 (Photograph X 1075).

They were, however, removed under the general contract, presumably by August 15, 1950 at which time the building was "substantially completed" (A), and possibly by June 15, 1950 at which time the site improvement contract was let.

The site improvement contract for Building 065 was awarded by Cabinet on June 15, 1950 and was executed on August 3, 1950. It was "substantially completed" by September 15, 1950. Under this contract, Building H 450 was to be "removed by others" (A), presumably by the University service personnel.

No record has been found to indicate when the remaining four huts in this area (H 452, H 455, H 456, and H 457) were removed. It is possible, though not established by any records located in this investigation, that they were removed in the summer of 1950, along with H 450. This hypothesis is supported by the recollections of Messrs. Paul H. Elleman and William Bischoff, then of the University's Service Department, and Mr. Richard Elzey, who was the architect's supervisor on the construction of Building 065. Cabinet minutes for the first half of 1950 are missing and this is the probable time of Cabinet action awarding the demolition contract for the four buildings, as well as for Building H 450.

The earliest photograph showing clearly that all of the Chemistry Huts have been removed is Air View 135 taken in July 1952. In earlier photographs, the ground in this area is concealed by trees.

Thus, the best evidence to date is that these remaining Chemistry huts were clearly gone by July 1952, and probably were removed two years earlier in the summer of 1950.

3. Derby Huts

The Registrar met frequently with the Cabinet during 1951 (April 23, May 10, and August 20) to discuss the vacating of these huts to permit their demolition.

Cabinet on June 25, 1951 instructed the Director of Physical Plant (Elleman) to proceed with removal of these huts,

Cabinet on August 30, 1951 awarded C.W. Bryant and Sons, Incorporated the contract for removal of ten of the Derby huts. The October 1951 Monthly (43:7) shows demolition in progress in

front of Lord Hall (Building 051).

Cabinet on December 3, 1951 awarded the Linden Wrecking Company the contract to remove one hut "west of Lord Hall." This demolition could have been completed by year end or could have extended into 1952. No record has been found.

No record of any kind has been found of the demolition of the remaining two Derby huts. Possible explanations are:

- a. They were removed by University employees under the instructions of June 25, 1951 to Mr. Elleman.
- b. The minutes of the Cabinet meeting at which the demolition contract was awarded are missing from the collection in the University Archives (Bevis papers).

The earliest photographic record is the aerial survey of October 22, 1952, at which time none of the Dallas Huts remained. Earlier photographs are inconclusive because of leaves on the trees.

4. Summary

The information available suggests the following sequence of demolitions as most probable:

- a. Autumn, 1948 — Removal of four huts In the Chemistry area to permit construction of Building 065.
- b. Summer of 1950 — removal of the remainder of the Chemistry huts and all of the Commerce huts.
- c. Autumn of 1951 — removal of all of the Derby huts.

D. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 1032
X 1632
X 1080

2. Other

M 38:6 (October 1946)

E. MISCELLANEOUS

These buildings were war surplus buildings erected on the campus as temporary buildings after World War II.

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